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Address of the Bishop.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :

It is a fitting subject of thankfulness and congratulation that we meet again in our annual Council without any loss in the ranks of our Clergy, except that arising from removals to other Dioceses.

But when we extend our vision over a wider field, we are specially saddened by the knowledge that no less than three of our Bishops have, within a few months, been summoned to the world of spirits.

The death of the honored Bishop of Easton comes home to us as almost a personal bereavement, because, in years past, he has been so much associated with our Diocese. For some little time during the late war he resided in this State, where his ministrations were always highly appreciated. A few years later, he was among us, as one of the Consecrators of your present Bishop, and, on that occasion, he delivered a discourse of extraordinary excellence. And we remember him again as the one who came, at our call, and preached before the Convention of 1881, that touching Memorial sermon, in which he portrayed so expressively the life and character of our late departed Bishop.

His death is a very great loss to the whole church. Apart from his valuable work in his own Diocese, he occupied a position of very marked influence in the Councils of the Church, while his pen was ever actively employed in illustrating, explaining and commending the doctrines, and usages, and Catholic spirit of that communion which he so greatly loved. His genial and kindly disposition, his wise and well weighed counsels, will be sadly missed at our ap-

proaching General Convention. And his lamented loss was quickly followed by the sudden and startling death of the Bishop of Florida. Although for some years his health had been quite feeble, yet, latterly, he seemed to be steadily improving, and we were therefore the less prepared for the tidings of his departure. In addition to his Diocesan duties he had been, for a long time, engaged in compiling a most useful work, bearing upon hymnology and church music, and which was so nearly completed that we may soon hope to hear of its publication. He took a deep interest also in Liturgical questions, especially in their connection with the Oriental Churches. He was a man of genial and kindly disposition and was widely respected and esteemed.

And now, quite recently, the tidings have reached us that the Bishop of Missouri has also been taken from us. He entered the Episcopate at a very early age, and proved himself a man of more than ordinary intellectual power. He was steadily growing in the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and winning for himself a position of no little influence in the councils of the Church. May the places, which have thus been vacated, he speedily filled with earnest and faithful men, who may be able to carry on, with even increased efficiency, the work which, in these bereaved Dioceses, has been so well begun.

My first official act, after the adjournment of our last Convention. was in attendance, the same day, upon the meeting of the new Missionary Committee, and later the meeting of the Board of Fellows of Ravenscroft Mission and Training School.

On Sunday, May 31st, in Trinity Church, Asheville, the Morning Service was conducted by Rev. Messrs. Bush and Cheshire, and Rev. Dr. Porter, of South Carolina. After a sermon by Rev. Gilbert Higgs, I confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, June 2d, I organized the Colored Mission of Trinity Chapel, Asheville, and appointed the regular officers.

Wednesday, June 3d, attended a meeting in Raleigh, of the Trustees of St. Augustine's Normal School. Thursday, June 4th, I presided at the public exercises, in connection with the close of the school year of that Institution, conducted the religious services, and made an address. I may here add that this School has been going on prosperously during the past year, and we have had the great satisfaction of seeing a large and substantial brick building erected on the grounds, which is admirably adapted to our needs, and has been regularly occupied for some months past. For this building we are chiefly indebted to the benefactions of kind friends at the North, who have thus shown their interest and sympathy in this important work.

Sunday, June 7th, in Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, June 11th, I presided at the Commencement exercises of St. Mary's School, and in the Chapel conducted the religious services, made an address, and gave the benediction.

June 18th, I prepared the necessary document, organizing St. Paul's Mission at Monroe, appointed the officers, and forwarded the paper so prepared.

Sunday, June 21st, in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murphy, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, preached again, confirmed six persons and addressed them.

Sunday, June 28th, in Salem Chapel, Fairntosh, Orange County, I conducted the service, preached and administered the Holy Communion. At 5 P. M. said Evening Prayer and preached again. There is here an excellent opportunity for doing a good work for the church, and I am hoping soon to find a Clergyman to undertake the duty in connection with other work.

Sunday, July 5th, at the Hotel, Morehead City, where I

was spending a few days, I conducted the morning service and preached.

Sunday, July 12th, took part in the morning service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

July 15th, presided at a meeting of the Executive Missionary Committee.

Friday, July 17th, left Raleigh to enter upon my visitation in the Western Counties.

Sunday, July 19th, in the new church at Marion, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Bland. I was much gratified to find so neat and comfortable a building erected here, and only the great perseverance of Mr. Bland could have accomplished such a work, with so little help and encouragement. In the afternoon, at a private house a few miles in the country, I preached again, Mr. Bland conducting the service. Left next morning for Asheville.

Wednesday, July 22nd, attended a meeting of the Board of Fellows of Ravenscroft School. Statutes and By-laws were adopted at this meeting, and steps were also taken to secure at once a Head Master for the Academic Department, so that, if possible, the school might be opened in the fall. I regret to say that we were unsuccessful in our efforts, but we earnestly hope the school may be fully established this coming autumn.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity, July 26th, I went by appointment to Camp Scales, near Asheville, where there was a large military encampment, and after morning service by the Rev. Dr. Carmichael, I preached in the open air to a large congregation. The music was excellent and the service a very interesting one.

Monday, July 27th, in Trinity Church, Asheville, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Edward P. Green, who had been pursuing his theological studies at the Ravenscroft Training School. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Porter and the Rev. Mr. Postell. The sermon was

preached by me, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Buxton. I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Porter.

Tuesday, July 28th, left for Sewanee to attend the meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South, where I remained for five days in attendance upon the sessions of the Board.

Tuesday, August 4th, left Sewanee on my return to Asheville. Made arrangements that week for the transfer to Rev. J. B. Massiah of the duties performed for so many years by Rev. Mr. Berry, in the charge of the colored congregation at Asheville. Mr. Berry retires on account of old age and bodily infirmities.

Saturday, August 8th, left for Waynesville.

Sunday, August 9th, in Grace Church in the Mountains, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, in the chapel at Mica Dale, Dr. Buel conducted the service, and I preached. The congregation was quite large, notwithstanding a heavy rain which came upon us just before commencing the service.

Tuesday, August 11th, in the Methodist church, Webster, Jackson county, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, August 13th, in St. John's church, Macon county, eight miles beyond Franklin, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Deal and Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, made a short address, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The congregation was an unusually large one.

Friday, August 14th, I preached in Patton's School House, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal. Went to Franklin in the afternoon, and secured a very fine lot, in a most eligible site, upon which we hope very soon to erect a church. At night I preached in the Presbyterian

church, after Evening Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal.

Sunday, August 16th, we held a service in the new brick church at Cullowhee, not yet fully completed. After Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, made an address on confirmation, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, August 17th, crossed over the Blue Ridge to Cashier's Valley. On Tuesday I had an appointment at Horse Cove, but a threatening storm prevented me from going, which I the less regretted, as Bishop Thompson, of Mississippi, was there and took the service for me.

Wednesday, August 19th, in the Methodist Church, Cashier's Valley, after morning service by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Our own neat and attractive church edifice was not yet sufficiently completed for occupancy. We had hoped that it might be ready for us, but unforeseen hindrances had occasioned delay. By this summer, I trust it may be entirely finished.

Friday, August 21st, left early this morning for Brevard, a long and wearisome mountain drive. When a few miles from Brevard, in descending the last mountain range, we were placed in great peril by encountering a swarm of yellow jackets, which nearly covered our horses. They became frantic and unmanageable, and we feared, every moment, a plunge over the precipice at our side. But a kind Providence guarded us, and we escaped without any accident or injury. We reached Brevard at 7:30 P. M. Two hours later a messenger reached me from Asheville, bearing the painful tidings of the death of my eldest daughter that morning. I made arrangements at once to start for Hendersonville, leaving Rev. Dr. Buel to officiate at Brevard the following Sunday. I drove a good part of the night, and took the train for Spartanburg and Charlotte at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. I left Charlotte Saturday night, and reached

Raleigh early Sunday morning. I was thus enabled to be present at the funeral services at 6 o'clock that evening. I remained a few days with my family, and left in time to take up my schedule of appointments, at Tryon city. I was thus able so to arrange it, that only three appointments were omitted.

Sunday, August 30th, at the church of the Holy Cross, Tryon city, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Knauff and Jones, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Knauff, by my appointment, had been officiating here for the last three months, and left shortly after my visit, to return to Philadelphia. In the afternoon, confirmed a sick person at a private house.

Monday, August 31st, the heavy rain of yesterday prevented me from reaching Mill's X Roads, where I had an appointment for to-day. Instead of that duty, I accompanied Mr. Jones several miles in the country to two private houses, and confirmed four persons in one house, and three in the other, and delivered an address at each place. In the evening took the train for Hendersonville.

Tuesday, September 1st, in St. Paul's Church, Henderson county, ten miles in the country, held the first service in the new building, not yet entirely completed. Found a large congregation completely filling the church. After Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bynum, I preached, confirmed thirteen persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communfon. I found a most interesting work going on in this neighborhood, where three years ago the Church was wholly unknown. During the few months immediately preceding my visit, a plain but very neat church building had been erected, and although not yet finished, has been used regularly for services, which have been attended by large and encouraging congregations. This work owes its success to the united efforts of the Rev. Mr. Osborne and the Rev.

Milnor Jones. For some time past the Rev. Mr. Bell has been regularly officiating there.

Wednesday, September 2d, in St. James' Church, Hendersonville, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Drayton, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. After the service, I met in the Vestry-room an English clergyman, the Rev. Richard Wainwright, lately of Honolulu, who has since sent me letters dismissory from the Bishop of Honolulu. He is now residing ten miles from Hendersonville, near the French Broad river, where a small colony of English people have their homes, and he is holding services there. I offered him also the charge of the Church at Hendersonville, but on account of his impaired health, he did not feel able to undertake the duty.

Thursday, September 3d, in Calvary Church, Henderson County, I instituted the Rev. Wm. Shipp Bynum into the Rectorship of the Parish. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached and confirmed five persons; the Holy Communion was administered by the newly instituted Rector.

Friday, September 4th, consecrated Mount Calvary Chapel, which is the result of missionary efforts by members of Calvary Church, and the new edifice is about eight miles from that church. It is a very neat building and reflects very great credit upon the Rev. Mr. Osborne, who was chiefly instrumental in the establishment of the mission, and in the erection of this building during his rectorship of Calvary Church. And we are largely indebted to some zealous ladies of Calvary Church who have taken a deep interest in the mission, for some of the most attractive features in the church building. The request to consecrate was read by Mr. Robert Blake, and the sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Buel. After Morning Prayer by the Rev. W. S. Bynum, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Saturday, September 5th, I accompanied the Rev. Mr.

Bynum to a private house near Arden Park, and confirmed two members of his congregation, who were unable to be present at the public service in Calvary Church. I then drove on alone to Asheville, and when near the edge of the town was run into by a runaway team, overturning my buggy, and threatening very serious consequences. But providentially, I received no injury whatever. My buggy availed to arrest the runaway mules, and probably saved the occupants of the wagon from disastrous results. This was the second very narrow escape within a fortnight.

The next day, Sunday, September 6th, in Trinity Church, Asheville, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Marks, of Mississippi, and Rev. Drs. Porter, of South Carolina, and Minnegerode, of Virginia, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. At night visited Trinity Chapel, for colored people, and found the building and grounds greatly improved by repairs recently made. After Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. J. B. Massiah and S. V. Berry, I preached and confirmed twenty persons, and addressed them.

Monday, September 7th, prepared and forwarded a paper for the regular organization of St. Thomas's Mission, Shelby, and appointed the requisite officers.

Thursday, September 10th, officiated at a funeral in Trinity Church, Asheville.

Sunday, September 13th, in St. James' Church, Lenoir, Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Bush and Weston. I baptized an infant, preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, September 14th, in the Methodist Church, Patterson, I assisted Rev. Mr. Weston in the service, preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, September 16th, in the parlor of the Hotel at Blowing Rock, I conducted the service and preached.

Friday, September 18th, in St. John's Church near Valle

Crucis, Rev. E. P. Green read Morning Prayer. I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed seven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, September 20th, In the Church at Boone, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. E. P. Green, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Since his ordination, Mr. Green has been officiating regularly by my appointment in Wautauga and Mitchell counties.

Monday, September 21st, I went to Riverside, ten miles below Patterson, where I had an appointment for Tuesday; but the heavy rain in the early morning prevented the gathering of a congregation, and I proceeded on my way to Wilkesboro.

Wednesday, September 23d, in St. Paul's Church, Wilkesboro, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. R. W. Barber, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Shortly after the service, I left for the residence of Mr. James Gwyn, near the Yadkin, a few miles from Elkin.

Thursday, September 24th, in Gwyn's Chapel, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, September 25th, in the new Methodist church at Elkin, a very large congregation assembled; the Rev. Mr. Barber conducted the service and I preached. Through the zealous efforts of one of the ladies, we had the benefit of excellent and appropriate music. The chants were admirably rendered, and were, what they should be on such occasions, simple and congregational. Too often the music is rather a performance, than a part of devout worship. The next day, Saturday, I was driven to Statesville.

Sunday, September 27th, in Trinity Church, Statesville, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. E. Wootten, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. I regret to say in this connection that owing to the difficulty of securing a sufficient support, Mr. Wootten has resigned his position, and removed to the Diocese

of Delaware. We have lost in him a very faithful and energetic worker. Left next morning for Hickory.

Monday, September 28th, in the Church of the Ascension, Hickory, after Evening Prayer by the Revs. J. A. Weston and E. N. Joyner, I preached, confirmed four persons, and addressed them. Took the train early next morning for Asheville. I have learned recently from Mr. Weston, that he has resigned his charge at Hickory and Lenoir, for reasons which seemed to him very cogent. He purposes removing out of the Diocese, but hopes ere long to return to his native State. I am now looking anxiously for some one to take the place thus vacated.

Friday, October 2d, in St. Andrew's Church, Buncombe county, after Litany by Rev. Mr. Postell, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them; also administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Buxton. The same day, at Haw Creek, after Evening Prayer by Dr. Buxton, I preached, and confirmed one person. Left next day for Morganton.

Sunday, October 4th, in Grace Church, Morganton, after Morning Prayer by Rev. S. P. Watters, and Litany by Rev. Dr. Pickett, of Mississippi, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, Mr. Watters drove me some miles in the country, where I confirmed a young woman, blind and deaf. At night preached again in Grace Church, confirmed four persons and addressed them. I was glad to find in this parish so many valuable improvements in the church building, and so many tokens of harmony and prosperity. Left next day for Salisbury.

Tuesday, October 6th, in St. Luke's Church, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Murdock, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again at night, confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

Wednesday, October 7th, in St. Mary's Church, Rowan county, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murdock, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, October 8th, at St. Andrew's, Rowan county, Mr. Murdock conducted the service, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, October 9th, in All Saint's Church, Concord, after Evening Prayer by the Rev. Geo. H. Edwards, I preached, made an address on Confirmation, and confirmed two persons. On Saturday, at 4 P. M., in the same church, Mr. Edwards read Evening Prayer, and after the second Lesson, I baptized the infant son of the Rector. It gave me great pleasure to learn of the good work which is going on here, and to know that the zealous Church people of Concord are enjoying the advantages of a resident minister, who is so acceptable to all. Mr. Edwards has charge also of the Church at Lexington, and holds occasional services at High Point.

Sunday, October 11th, in St. Barnabas Church, Greensboro, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stubbs, I made a brief address to the congregation, preached and administered the Holy Communion. I preached again at the evening service. Rev. Mr. Stubbs had just given up the charge at Company Shops, and since then has devoted his whole time to Greensboro. I am glad to know that this change has had the effect to deepen the interest in the services, and to increase the attendance upon them.

Tuesday, October 13th, in St. Paul's Church, Winston, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night the Rev. Mr. Daugherty conducted the service; I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed four persons, and addressed them.

Wednesday, October 14th, in the Methodist Church, Germanton, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Daugherty, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, October 16th, in Hairston's Chapel, Stokes county, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Daugherty, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. I paid a visit to the new church, near Walnut Cove, which was advancing towards completion, and which gave promise of being a very

neat and churchly edifice. I trust it will soon be ready for occupancy. The Rev. Mr. Daugherty, who has had charge of this mission field, in connection with Winston, has removed to the Diocese of Ohio, where, I am glad to learn, he has been warmly welcomed, and the Rev. H. O. Lacey, of the Diocese of Long Island, has recently entered upon the same charge. He has been most cordially received, and I trust he may do a good work in this encouraging field.

Sunday, October 18th, in the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. J. T. Clark, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Tuesday, October 20th, I preached in the Church at Reidsville, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Clark. The evening was very rainy and disagreeable, so that the congregation was a small one. Quite recently the Rev. Mr. Clark has felt compelled, by age and increasing infirmities, to give up his charge of Reidsville and Leaksville, where he has so faithfully served for many years. I have been able to supply his place with the efficient services of the Rev. Alban Greaves, of the Diocese of Virginia, whose Letters Dimissory have been accepted by me.

Wednesday, October 21st, in the Presbyterian Church at Milton, Caswell county, after Evening Prayer by Rev. T. J. Packard, of Virginia, I preached to a large and attentive congregation. There are here several attached members of the church, and I am hoping soon to find some way by which they can be supplied with at least an occasional service.

Thursday, October 22d, in Cunningham's Chapel, Person county, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Packard, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the communion service by the Rev. W. E. Webbe, of Virginia, who

officiates regularly in this Chapel, and also at Goshen. Left next day on my return to Raleigh.

Sunday, October 25th, preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

Sunday, November 1st, All Saints' Day, assisted in the service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, and administered the Holy Communion. The sermon was by the Rev. Robert Strange, who entered that day upon his duties in the charge of the Parish.

Monday, November 2d, left at night for Charlotte, and continued on next morning to Shelby.

Tuesday, November 3d, in St. Thomas' Church, Shelby, Rev. W. R. Wetmore read the service, and I preached to a large congregation. The prospects of the Church here are much more encouraging than for many years past. We have a few very zealous and active members, but there is great need of more services than Mr. Osborne, who is now in charge, is at all able to render. Next morning, in the same church, I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wetmore. At night, in St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, after Evening Prayer by the Rev. W. R. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed eleven persons and addressed them. During the last few months, a very important step has been taken in the renovation and almost entire renewal of the church building. It has been very materially enlarged and beautified, and if not entirely finished as yet, it will speedily be ready for occupancy. I congratulate the Rector and congregation upon this much needed improvement, which, I cannot doubt, will conduce to the increased prosperity of the parish.

Thursday, November 5th, in St. Paul's Church, Lincoln county, a few miles from Lincolnton, after Morning Prayer by Mr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Commnnion. On our return to Lincolnton, I confirmed two colored persons, at a private house, one being seriously ill. At night, in the Church of our Saviour, a short distance from town, after Evening Prayer

by the Rev. Mr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them. I found here much to cheer and to encourage. An important addition had been made to the Church edifice, and all the improvements have been carried out in remarkably good taste. A very interesting church work is going on in that neighborhood.

Friday, November 6th, in St. John's Church, High Shoals, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wetmore, I preached, and confirmed one person. Mr. Wetmore has an immense mission field, and greatly needs an Assistant.

Sunday, November 8th, in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Wm. Walker, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Bush assisted in the Communion service. At 4 p. m., in the County Poor House, I confirmed five of the inmates, and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Bush, who has been holding services there, presented the candidates. At night, in St. James' Mission for colored people, Pittsborough, after Evening Prayer by the Rev. Messrs. Bush, Walker and Butler, I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them.

Monday, November 9th, in St. Mark's, Deep River, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Walker and Bush, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

24th Sunday after Trinity, November 15th, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I admitted to the Priesthood Rev. Walter J. Smith, and Rev. Robert Strange, Deacons. Rev. Mr. Smith was presented by the Rev. Gilbert Higgs, and Mr. Strange by the Rev. John Huske. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Cheshire Jr. I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Marshall, who also read the Gospel; the Rev. Bennett Smedes reading the Epistle. Rev. Drs. Hubbard, Sutton and Carmichael were present in the chancel. The whole services were most interesting and impressive. At 4 p. m., in the same Church, I baptized an infant. At night, took

part in a joint service at Christ Church, when the Rev. Dr. Carmichael preached, and I made an address in regard to St. John's Hospital. In this connection, I may say that I think the Hospital has claims upon the sympathy of many outside of the city where it is established; for patients from different parts of the State are glad to enjoy the advantages afforded by this most excellent Institution.

Left during the week for a visit to Baltimore and New York.

Sunday, November 22d, preached in Grace Church, Baltimore.

Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Day, in Christ Church, East Orange, I took part in the service and preached.

First Sunday in Advent, November 29th, in St. Andrew's Church, Harlem, I assisted in the service and preached. In the afternoon, in the same Church, attended a Sunday School service, for the large school connected with the Church. The whole body of the Church was filled with children. There are 900 in the Sunday School. After Catechizing by the Rector, I addressed the children.

Monday evening, November 30th, in Grace Chapel, New York, I attended a large meeting of Chinamen who are receiving Christian instruction. At the request of the Assistant Bishop, who was present, I made an address, which was repeated to them by an Interpreter, in the Canton dialect. Nearly all the Chinamen were young men, and seemed unusually bright and intelligent, and interested in acquiring a knowledge of the Christian religion.

During the week I paid a hurried visit to friends in Waterbury, Conn., and returned to New York.

Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 6th, in Christ Church, East Orange, N. J., at an early service, I administered the Holy Communion and preached at the later service. At night I preached in St. Mark's Church, Orange.

Tuesday, Dec. 8th, attended the monthly meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Board of Missions at the

Bible House, New York. I also had the satisfaction, for several days, of attending the mid-day mission services in Trinity Church. It was a most interesting spectacle to look upon such immense congregations, composed wholly of men, and who seemed so deeply interested in the plain and stirring discourses of the Rev. Mr. Aitken, the English Missioner. Plainer and more earnest preaching I never heard, and I cannot doubt that a deep and lasting impression was made upon many of those who so thronged the church for many successive days.

Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 13th, in the church of the Intercession, Washington Heights, New York, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Reed and Rev. Dr. M. VanRensselaer, I read the Ante Communion service and preached.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 20th, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, in the morning, and at night in St. Paul's Church.

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, in Grace Church, Baltimore, I united a couple in holy matrimony, assisted by the Rector of the church.

I left the same evening for Raleigh.

Friday, Dec. 25th, I assisted in the service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 27th, in same church, after the evening service, I delivered an address in reference to the late interesting Advent Missions in New York.

Sunday, Jan. 3rd, in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, after Morning Prayer by Rev. G. Higgs, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. At night preached again, confirmed two persons and addressed them.

The recent improvements in the church edifice at Warrenton, have added greatly to its beauty and attractiveness, and it is very cheering also to witness the evidences of growth and progress, where a short time ago there were so

many discouragements. The town, too, is waking up from a long sleep, and the church is participating in the general advancement.

Tuesday, Jan. 5th, at a private house in Raleigh, I confirmed a sick person, presented by Rev. Dr. Marshall.

Wednesday, January 6th, Feast of the Epiphany, in the Chapel of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, I assisted Rev. Bennett Smedes in the service, and administered the Holy Communion. Directly after the service a procession was formed, of teachers, pupils and friends of the school, followed by the Rector and the Bishop, who marched over to the new and beautiful Art Building, only recently completed. After entering one of the large Halls, I offered prayers appropriate to the occasion, and made an address. This building, even more attractive than the one previously destroyed by fire, is a very great addition to the comfort and convenience of the School; while so admirably suited to its special design. Never were finer facilities offered, of every sort, than those now provided in this superior and most popular Institution. Surely parents and guardians in North Carolina will find it difficult to secure elsewhere better educational advantages than St. Mary's provides here, in their own State. It is not strange that in so many of the Southern States this Institution is held in such honor and esteem.

First Sunday after Epiphany, January 10th, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I instituted the Rev. Robert Strange into the Rectorship of the Parish, the Rev. J. C. Huske, D. D., of Fayetteville, preaching the sermon. It was a matter of deep regret that the extreme inclemency and severity of the weather, kept so many away who were most anxious to be present, at so interesting and impressive a service. At night, in St. Augustine's Church, after Evening Prayer by Rev. H. M. Joseph, I preached, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them.

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 17th, in Trinity Church, Asheville, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Messrs.

Postell and McBee, I preached and admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Robert Percy Eubanks and Mr. William Lucien Reaney, upon presentation by Rev. Dr. Buel. I administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Buxton. The candidates thus ordained had received their training, in part, at the Ravenscroft Training School, where I was glad to find the Rev. Vardry McBee associated in instruction with Rev. Dr. Buel. Mr. McBee also held the position of Assistant in Trinity Church. These twofold duties he discharged most acceptably, and I was much grieved to learn quite recently that he had found his health so much impaired, that his medical advisers had urged him to a complete cessation of work for the ensuing summer. Acting upon this advice, he left Asheville the early part of this month, but I hope that a few months of rest may enable him to resume his duties, with a reinvigorated constitution, and without further apprehension. Of those thus ordained, Mr. Eubanks is officiating two Sundays in each month at Statesville, and also doing missionary work at other points, while pursuing his studies for the priesthood, under the guidance of Rev. Mr. Murdoch. He makes his home at Salisbury. The Rev. Mr. Reaney, I have placed at Company Shops, under the general supervision of Rev. Mr. Bush, who spends one Sunday in each month at that place. I am glad to know that Mr. Reaney has been most kindly received, and finds every encouragement in his field of labor. The next morning I left for Raleigh, and on Thursday, Jan. 21st, I proceeded on to Richmond, Va., where I spent several days. Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 24th, in St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I preached both morning and evening; the Rector, Rev. Dr. Minnegerode, and the Rev. Mr. Gravitt, conducting the services. Monday, Jan. 25th, in same church, I officiated at the marriage of one of my sons, assisted by Rev. Dr. Minnegerode. Returned on Wednesday to Raleigh.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 31st, in Christ Church, Raleigh, I assisted in the service and preached.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 7th, in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. E. Ingle, I made an address to the congregation, congratulating them upon the occupancy of their new and very beautiful church, which is surely one of the ornaments of the Diocese. I then preached and administered the Holy Communion. At 4 P. M. I preached again, confirmed nineteen persons and addressed them. The church was much crowded at both services and much interest was manifested. I can but hope that a new era of progress and prosperity is about to be enjoyed by this Parish. With so noble and attractive a church building, and a Rector so untiring in zeal and devotion, only the warm coöperation of the members of the congregation is required, to insure great and increasing advancement. I trust the Vestry will soon feel it their duty and privilege, to enjoy the uninterrupted services of their Rector rather, than consent to have him divide his time with another Parish. In a place so growing and important as Henderson, the ministrations of the sanctuary should not be willingly intermitted.

Friday, Feb. 12th, I accompanied Rev. Mr. Strange to St. John's Hospital, Raleigh, where I confirmed a sick man and administered the Holy Communion to several of the inmates.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 14th, in the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, I conducted the services, preached and administered the Holy Communion, and held a second service and preached in the evening. I found the interior of the chapel greatly improved by painting and decoration, so that it now presents a very neat and attractive appearance. I regret to say that during the past year, we have had no Rector for the Church at Chapel Hill, and, therefore, it has only been occasionally that the services of a clergyman could be secured. Feeling, as we all must do, the great

importance of having this position supplied by an active and vigorous clergyman, I trust we may be able, at this Convention, to agree upon some plan, by which the limited resources of the congregation may be so far supplemented, that we can secure that of which we recognize the need.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 21st, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, in the absence of the Rector, I conducted the Morning Service, and preached. Tuesday, February 23d, I left on a short trip to Florida.

Sunday, February 28th, in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, I assisted in the service and preached. On Monday, I went up the St. John's River, and reached Sanford the next day. I met Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, there, and on Wednesday returned with him as far as Palatka, where he had appointments for a visitation. We went, the same evening, to the Chapel provided for the colored people, and after the Evening Service, I made an address to the congregation, after which Bishop Whipple preached and administered the rite of confirmation. I was with him again the next evening when he visited the Parish Church, and held a confirmation there. On Friday, I returned to Jacksonville, and, on Saturday, took the train for Tallahassee, where I had been requested, by the Standing Committee of Florida, to perform any Episcopal duties that might be desired.

Quinquagesima Sunday, March 7th, in St John's Church, Tallahassee, after Morning Prayer by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Carter, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At the Evening Service I preached again, confirmed twelve persons and addressed them. Very large congregations were present at both services. I remained five days in Tallahassee, the guest of Dr. A. B. Hawkins. I received from him and his family, and very many of the citizens, every kindness and courtesy.

On Thursday, March 11th, I left for Jacksonville, and the next day continued my journey to Savannah.

First Sunday in Lent, March 14th, I preached in Christ

Church, Savannah, after Morning Prayer by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Boone. At night I preached in St. John's Church.

I left the next evening on my return home, and reached Raleigh on Tuesday afternoon. I contracted a severe cold while in Florida, and the day after I reached home I was attacked very severely, and was confined to the house for several days.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 28th, in St. Phillip's Church, Durham, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. Huske, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night, after service and sermon by Mr. Huske, I confirmed twelve persons and addressed them. It was a matter of extreme regret to me to learn that Mr. Huske had resigned the charge of the Parish, and had accepted a position in Buffalo, New York. The Parish is in a very prosperous and encouraging condition, and I trust may speedily be supplied with a faithful and zealous Rector.

Tuesday, March 30th, at a private house in Raleigh, I confirmed a sick person, on presentation by Rev. Dr. Marshall.

Thursday, April 1st, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, I conducted the service, preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, the Rector, was detained at Williamsboro by the swollen condition of the stream.

Friday, April 2d, in the Church at Middleburg I read the service, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. The Church building here is still unfinished, but they are hoping to be able to complete it during the present year.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, April 4th, in St. John's Church, Williamsboro, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them, and adminstered the Holy Communion. The day was cloudy and threatening, yet we had an unusually large and attentive congregation. It is pleasant to see the tokens of increasing

prosperity in this venerable Parish, which has suffered so much of late years by deaths and removals.

Shortly after the service, I was driven over to Oxford, and at night, in St. Stephen's Church, after Evening Prayer by Rev. L. W. Rose, I preached, confirmed seventeen persons and addressed them. I was gratified to find this church in so prosperous a condition. The zealous young Rector has the confidence and affection of his people, and is doing a most excellent work. The late Rector, Rev. Dr. Gholson, was compelled by failing health to resign the charge of the Parish, and he is now residing in Alabama. It was a cause of real sorrow to me that so soon after coming among us, in so much hopefulness, he should have become so thoroughly disabled. I fear that he has little hope of resuming active duty.

It was my purpose to start the next day for Goshen, where I had an appointment for Tuesday, but a very heavy and continuous rain so swelled the streams that I felt it unwise to attempt the drive, and thus the service was omitted. I availed myself of the delay in Oxford to bring up some pressing arrears of correspondence. Among the letters which reached me at Oxford, was one from the Presiding Bishop of our Church, appointing me to the care and jurisdiction of the American Clergy and Congregations under their pastorate, which are regularly established on the Continent of Europe. This position, while it involves no little responsibility, does not impose any very burdensome duties. After some little deliberation, I felt that I could not refuse to accept the appointment, which in such flattering terms had been tendered to me. Certainly I should have hesitated to do so, had I believed that it would embarrass me in the discharge of my duties in North Carolina. I trust it may not be necessary for me to go abroad until after the meeting of our next General Convention.

Wednesday, April 7th, I left Oxford for Gaston, and on Thursday, April 8th, in St. Luke's Church, after Morning

Prayer by Rev. Gilbert Higgs, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

An active movement is on foot in this Mission, for the erection of a new church, which is so greatly needed. I hope there may be no abatement of zeal and effort, until this important object has been accomplished.

Friday, April 9th, in Grace Church, Weldon, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith and Rev. Mr. Higgs, I preached, confirmed two persons and addressed them. The Church in Weldon still remains in an unfinished state, the small band of Church people there, not having felt themselves able to complete the work. They are hoping, during the present year, to make some further progress.

Sunday, April 11th, in the Church of our Saviour, Jackson, after Morning Prayer by Rev. G. Higgs, I preached, confirmed seven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. During the past year this Church has been much enlarged and beautified, and a very graceful tower has been constructed at the south corner of the front. The whole building has been ceiled with native pine; a new transept added for the organ; an end gallery erected for the colored people; the old square windows replaced by double lancet windows, with mullions, and all filled with stained glass. It is a noble improvement, for which the congregation is indebted to the intelligent zeal of their active Rector, and to the liberal gifts of a devoted Church woman, now residing in Richmond, but who was formerly a member of that parish. With these material improvements, there is also a deepening interest among the members of the congregation, and every token of increasing prosperity.

Tuesday, April 13th, in St. Mark's Church, Halifax, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Dr. Smith has resigned his connection with this parish, and it has been placed for the present under the charge of the Rector at Scotland Neck.

Dr. Smith has recently commenced regular monthly services at Littleton.

Wednesday, April 14th, had a conference with the Vestry of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and then went to the new Church building, lately completed, and held its opening service. After Morning Prayer by Rev. Walter J. Smith, and Rev. Herbert W. Robinson, I made an address to the congregation, preached, confirmed seven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. I was very glad to meet and welcome the new Rector, who has been transferred to this Diocese, by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Toronto. Mr. Robinson has been most kindly welcomed by the people, and very cordial and affectionate relations have already been established. Rev. Mr. Hilton resigned the charge of the Parish last autumn, and has removed to his old home in Plymouth. The new Church, at Scotland Neck, is about a mile and a half from the old building, and is in the center of a large and populous neighborhood, which has sprung up long since the erection of the old Church. The new church building is considerably larger than the old one, and is a very neat and solidly constructed brick edifice. It was entirely filled, on the day of my visitation, and I feel encouraged to believe that there is now before the Parish a career of increasing prosperity. By the generosity of an old Parishioner, the former building, to be known hereafter as Trinity Mortuary Chapel, has been roofed in, and placed in a condition to be used regularly, on all funeral occasions, and will also be used for public services on the first Sunday after Easter, and on the feast of All Saints. The sweet memories of the past will thus be tenderly revived, while, standing as the old church does, in the midst of the graves of the departed, the services of Easter tide and All Saints will have a special appropriateness and solemnity. During the afternoon, I was driven over to Enfield, and on the following morning, Thursday, April 15th, in the Church of the Advent, after

Morning Prayer and the baptism of an adult, by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, was driven over to the neighborhood of Ringwood. Friday, April 16th, in St. Clement's Church, Dr. Smith read Morning Prayer. I baptized an infant, preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy communion.

Returned the next morning to Enfield, and took the train for Wilson.

Palm Sunday, April 18th, in St. Timothy's Church, after Morning Prayer by Rev. B. S. Bronson, I preached and administed the Holy Communion.

At 5 : 30 P. M. I held a service in the church for the colored people. A large congregation assembled. I made an address on confirmation, confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them. There is much encouragement for the establishment of a colored church here. Mr. F. W. Dunn, a candidate for Holy Orders and a graduate of St. Augustine's School, is now teaching in Wilson, and is also acting as a Lay-Reader, and is gathering quite a good congregation. At night I preached again, confirmed five persons and addressed them.

On Monday morning I took the train for Kittrell.

Tuesday, April 20th, in St. James' Church, Kittrell, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. E. Ingle, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Ingle now holds this charge in connection with Henderson.

Returned to Raleigh the same evening.

Good Friday, April 23d, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh.

Left on the night train for Wadesboro.

Saturday, April 24th, at a private house in Wadesboro, administered the Holy Communion to an aged and infirm person.

Easter Day, April 25th, in Calvary Church, Wadesboro, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Charles C. Quin, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. The congregations were large and attentive. There is a very healthy and encouraging progress in the work of the church here. Its influence is deepening and strengthening every day.

Monday, April 26th, was driven over to Ansonville, and at night, in the church there, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quin, I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them. Next morning I preached again, and administered the Holy Communion. The congregations at both services were unusually large, and it is apparent that there is a steadily growing interest in the work of the church.

Returned in the afternoon to Wadesboro.

Wednesday, April 28th, left on the train at a very early hour for Monroe. Since my last visit to that place a large and beautiful lot has been secured, with a commodious building upon it, which has been converted into a very neat and attractive church. It has given great joy to our church people there, that they have been able to secure so churchly and convenient an edifice. Rev. Mr. Osborne, who has charge of the mission at Monroe, is doing an admirable work, and has awakened among the people fresh interest and zeal. A heavy rain came on in the afternoon, which had the effect to lessen our congregation at the evening service. At 8 P. M., after Evening Prayer by Rev. Messrs. Osborne and Quin, I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them. The church was well filled and the deepest interest was shown in the services.

Thursday, April 29th, left on the early morning train for Charlotte and spent the day there.

Friday, April 30th, the morning was quite dark and threatening, but the day proved pleasanter than we had reason to fear. Soon after 8 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Cheshire

called for me with a carriage, and we drove out to Long Creek, where St. Mark's Mission is established. I found an excellent congregation gathered in the school-house, in which we hold our services. After the Litany by Rev. Mr. Cheshire, and infant baptism by Mr. Osborne, I preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Some of the candidates for confirmation were unable to get to the service. The good work is going steadily on in this neighborhood, and in a very short time it is expected that a substantial brick church will be erected, on the very convenient and eligible lot which has been provided for the purpose. These zealous and devoted people are richly entitled to our sympathy and aid, in the work which they have thus undertaken. I returned in the afternoon to Charlotte, and at 8 P. M., in St. Michael's Church for colored people, after Evening Prayer by Revs. Messrs. Osborne and Quin, I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them. The candidates were presented by Rev. P. P. Alston, who has charge of the congregation, and has connected with it a very flourishing and excellent school.

First Sunday after Easter, May 2d, in St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, after Morning Prayer by Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Jr., I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night I preached again, confirmed thirteen persons and addressed them. The congregations were unusually large. There is great need for the enlargement and improvement of the church building, and but for the financial depression of the past year, I feel confident that the work would have been undertaken. I trust it may not long be delayed.

Monday, May 3d, left on the Statesville train in the evening for the neighborhood of St. James' Church, Iredell county.

Tuesday, May 4th, drove to the Church, and after Morning Prayer by Rev. George B. Wetmore, D. D., I preached,

confirmed seven persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, May 5th, in Christ Church, Rowan county, after Morning Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wetmore and Rev. R. P. Eubanks, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion. Took the train at 5 P. M. from Third Creek to Salisbury, and later, continued on to Lexington.

Thursday, May 6th, in Church of the Redeemer, Lexington, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Edwards, I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them. The Church was well filled, and much interest shown in the service. It is in contemplation to remove the Church to a more central and eligible lot, and I think that this change is likely to prove a great advantage to the interests of the Church.

Friday, May 12th, took the train to Company Shops, and at night, after Evening Prayer by Rev. Mr. Murphy, of Hillsboro, and Rev. W. L. Reaney, I preached, confirmed five persons, and addressed them. I had previously confirmed one of the candidates at his own residence, at Graham, where he was confined by sickness. Made a short address on that occasion.

Second Sunday after Easter, May 9th, in Christ Church, Raleigh, after Morning Prayer by Rev. B. Smedes and Rev. Dr. Marshall, I preached, confirmed eight persons, and addressed them.

At night, in St. Augustine's Church, after Evening Prayer, by Rev. H. M. Joseph, I preached, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them.

Third Sunday after Easter, May 16th, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Robert Strange, I preached, confirmed fifteen persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At 6 P. M., in St. Mary's Chapel, after Evening Prayer by the Rev. Bennett Smedes, I confirmed eleven pupils of the

School, and addressed them. The Chapel was densely crowded, and the services were deeply interesting and impressive.

These services complete the record for the year. I think you will agree with me that the results, as thus indicated, show very plainly a growing interest, and a marked progress. During no year of my Episcopate have I found so much to cheer and encourage me.

There is scarce any part of the Diocese, where there is not a steady, forward movement, and new fields are continually opening before us. While it is a matter of regret that several of our well tried clergy have removed to other spheres of labour, we are cheered, on the other hand, by several valuable accessions, and at this time, we have fewer vacancies than for many years past. We greatly need several more active and earnest missionaries, and we need also to have a deeper interest awakened in all our congregations, in behalf of this important missionary work. If we desire steady and continued progress, we must look to the laity for greater zeal, and active efforts in strengthening the hands of the clergy, and in helping forward our missionary efforts. We shall find ourselves able to do far more than we have ever yet done, if we all seek to understand, the better, our privileges and our opportunities, and strive more faithfully to improve them.

The following is a summary of services performed by me since the last Convention:

I have preached on one hundred and twenty-three occasions, and delivered seventy-two addresses; have baptized four adults and four infants; have confirmed three hundred and ninety-five persons within this Diocese, and thirteen in the Diocese of Florida; have administered the Holy Communion sixty-nine times; have married two couples; have officiated at one funeral; have consecrated one Church; have ordained two deacons and two priests; have instituted two priests into the rectorship of two parishes; and have visited

eighty-two parishes and mission stations, several of them more than once. You will observe that these aggregate numbers fall a little short of those of last year, but this arises, in part, from the fact that our last Convention fell very late, so that my record then covered a period of fifty-four weeks, while that of the present year covers only fifty-one weeks.

The following changes among the clergy have taken place since our last Convention:

Rev. Thomas Atkinson has resigned his position as Instructor in Ravenscroft Training School, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Maryland.

Rev. H. G. Hilton has resigned the rectorship of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of East Carolina.

Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, D. D., who had removed from the Diocese before our last Convention, has since taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Springfield.

Rev. W. G. McKinney, who has been absent from the Diocese for several years, has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Western New York.

Rev. Beverly W. Daugherty has resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Winston, and the adjacent Missions, and has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Ohio.

Rev. Edward Wootten has resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Statesville, and taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Delaware.

Rev. Edward R. Rich has resigned the charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, and is officiating in the Diocese of Maryland.

Rev. John Huske has resigned the rectorship of St. Philip's Church, Durham, and has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Western New York.

Rev. S. V. Berry has retired from the charge of Trinity Chapel, Asheville, and is residing in New York.

Rev. J. B. Massiah has retired from St. Augustine's

School, and taken charge of Trinity Chapel, Asheville, and has also a flourishing Parochial school.

The Rev. Vardry McBee has resigned the Talman Fellowship in the General Theological Seminary, New York, and on the first of November, entered upon his duties as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Asheville, and Instructor in Ravenscroft Training School.

Rev. John T. Clark has resigned the charge of the mission at Reidsville and the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, and is residing in Salisbury.

Rev. John Y. Gholson, D. D,, has resigned the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and is residing in Alabama.

Rev. James A. Weston has resigned the charge of Ascension Church, Hickory, and St. James' Church, Lenoir, but has not yet removed out of the Diocese.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese:

Rev. Richard Wainwright, by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Honolulu, and is officiating in Henderson County.

Rev. Robert Strange, by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia, and has become Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

Rev. Lysander W. Rose, by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia, and has become Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

Rev. Herbert William Robinson, by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Toronto, and has become Rector of Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.

Rev. Harry Olmstead Lacey, by Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Long Island, and has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston, and is also in charge of neighboring missions.

Rev. Alban Greaves, by Letters Dimissory from the

Bishop of Virginia, and has taken charge of the mission at Reidsville, and the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.

And there have also been added by ordinations to the Diaconate:

Rev. Edward P. Green, who is acting as Missionary in Watauga and Mitchell Counties.

Rev. Robert Percy Eubanks, who is officiating in Trinity Church, Statesville, and as Missionary in Davie and Rowan Counties, and

Rev. William Lucien Reaney, who is officiating at Company Shops.

The number of Clergymen now in the Diocese is fifty-five.

The candidates for Priests Orders are Rev. Vardry McBee, Rev. Primus P. Alston, Rev. E. H. Butler, Rev. John W. Perry, Rev. Edward P. Green, Rev. Robert Percy Eubanks, Rev. William Lucien Reaney, Rev. Charles C. Quin, Mr. John R. Harding.

There are four candidates for Deacons Orders, viz: William F. Price, Junius M. Horner, Freeman W. Dunn, William T. Picard.

The number of Postulants is nine, viz: Hamilton Anderson, Claudius F. Smith, Edward C. Melton, William H. Rogers, Walter H. Marshall, Richard Bright, Joseph F. Dillon, Nathan A. Seagle and Charles Lorenzo Hoffman.

There are several matters which it was my intention to have brought to your notice in this address, but I have already detained you so long, that I will now refer in conclusion to only one matter. And what I have to say on this point is intended rather for the clergy. I have been led to fear that, in gathering candidates for confirmation, there is frequently too little care taken to have them properly instructed in the doctrines and principles of the Church, and in their own personal duties and responsibilities. I am well aware that in our scattered, rural districts, it is often difficult to find opportunities for this careful instruction. But I feel confident that, in many instances,

these hinderances might be overcome, if only a little more diligence and zeal were manifested. Surely there is no time when persons would be more likely to listen patiently to instruction, than when contemplating the renewal of their baptismal vows. Great pains should then be taken to impress upon the candidates an enlightened idea of what Christianity is; what are those teachings which we are called on to accept; and what the duties which are to be faithfully discharged. At such a time, every moment thus spent, must have an important bearing upon the life and character of those thus instructed.

And yet again, I fear that it is too often the case that, after the confirmation, candidates are left too much to themselves, and are thus deprived of that further instruction which is so very much needed.

What is so greatly required on every side, is a higher enlightenment, both as to doctrine and duty, and those exalted privileges of which, as members of the household of Christ, we are made partakers. Here is an agency which will be found most potent in securing constancy and stability in the truth of the Gospel, and the manifestation of unwavering earnestness and devotion. Finally, my dear brethren of the Clergy and Laity, may we all resolve to go about our appointed duties with renewed devotion and zeal, and may we all share richly in that Divine guidance and blessing, without which, "the watchman waketh but in vain."

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